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Minister Dupuy waiting for final audit report of the Metis National Council

OTTAWA, March 17, 1994 The Honourable Michel Dupuy, Minister of Canadian Heritage, said today that he is waiting for the final report of the audit of the Metis National Council's operations.

The Minister stated: "The Department of Canadian Heritage is conducting an audit of the 1992-1993 and 1993-94 operations of the Metis National Council. The Department has received the full co-operation of the Metis National Council in this exercise.

"I am looking forward to reading the audit report when it is completed. In the meantime, some preliminary findings have been made and the Department is in touch with the Council on these findings in order to receive further comments, clarifications and data, as and when needed.

"The final report will take into consideration these comments, clarifications and additional information, along with all other other pertinent material. The final report will be studied by Departmental officials and by me and will form the basis of any decisions and/or comments that may be needed.

"While we are waiting for the final audit, it would be neither useful nor proper to speculate or dwell on the very preliminary findings of the audit report."

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